



# Florida House of Representatives

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### **Under Republican Leadership Florida's Unemployment Rate Continues to Drop**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Florida House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera (R-Miami) today issued the following statement regarding the announcement that Florida's unemployment rate has fallen under 10 percent for the first time in two-and-a-half years.

"Thanks to the unwavering leadership of Governor Scott and Republicans in the state legislature, Florida's unemployment rate continues to fall. For the first time in more than two years, Florida's unemployment rate is below double digits.

"While the Democratic Party continues to advocate for higher taxes, bigger government and job-killing regulations, Republican policies are fostering a private-sector environment ripe for job growth, getting Floridians back to work once again. Republican leaders have made the tough choices necessary to balance our state budget and advocate for policies that promote job growth. In the past year, these stances have stabilized Florida's bond rating while President Obama's failure to lead in Washington has resulted in more debt and an unprecedented credit downgrade for our nation.

"I applaud Governor Scott and his administration for making private-sector job creation a priority. While more Floridians are returning to work, there is still much work to do to ensure Florida remains on the path to economic recovery."

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